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To The Media:

Re: Gregory D. Underwood

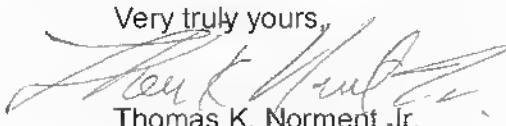
Please be advised I have been retained by Gregory D. Underwood to represent him on the charges currently pending in the Norfolk General District Court (Traffic Division). The cases are tentatively set for December 13, 2013.

I respect that you have a professional responsibility to report news of public interest. I also have a professional responsibility to protect my client's best legal interest.

Consistent with my professional protocol and advice neither Mr. Underwood nor myself will have any statements for any representative of the media during the pendency of these cases. With all due respect to your profession, there will be no exceptions.

I respect that Mr. Underwood is a trusted public official. However, like any other citizen he is presumed as a matter of law to be innocent of these charges until his guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Consequently, I would genuinely appreciate your respectful professionalism to not pursue him for any comments during the pendency of these cases as he returns to his full time responsibilities as the Commonwealth Attorney for Norfolk.

I apologize for not returning your calls yesterday but I was in court most of the day.

Very truly yours,

Thomas K. Norment Jr.

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